

# Media Release

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### ***YCSO K9's Seize 60 pounds of Marijuana in Separate Traffic Stops with 4 Arrests***

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**On October 14, 2015, at approximately 7:15**

**AM.** a YCSO K9 deputy stopped a black Chrysler 300 sedan for a traffic violation on east I40 near Ash Fork. The vehicle contained 3 occupants including driver Adrian Jaramillo, 19, passenger Angel Retana, 22, and passenger Carlos Villalobos, 22. All three are from Texas.



Jaramillo



Retana



Villalobos

During contact with Jaramillo to discuss the traffic violation, the deputy smelled an odor of marijuana amongst the odor of several air fresheners all coming from inside the vehicle. The deputy detected signs of deception and nervousness while talking with Jaramillo who also could not fully identify his passengers. Additionally, the front seat passenger gave the deputy a false name. It was later determined Carlos Villalobos, his true name, had a warrant out of Texas for Possession of Marijuana.



K9 "Miley" with the contraband

Jaramillo denied the deputy's request to check the vehicle for the source of the marijuana odor. As a result, the deputy deployed his certified K9 for an exterior sniff around the vehicle. When checking the trunk area, his K9 partner displayed an alert indicating the odor of drugs coming from that part of the vehicle. Inside the trunk deputies found 5 luggage bags all containing packages of marijuana. The total weight was 39 pounds. Retana and Villalobos admitted knowledge of the marijuana while Jaramillo refused to answer questions. The trio was apparently heading from California to Texas to deliver this load.

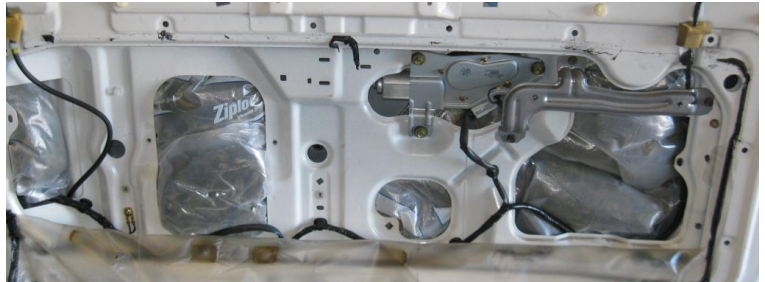
All 3 suspects were booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana for Sale and Transportation of Marijuana for Sale. Villalobos was additionally charged with False Reporting to Law Enforcement. Jaramillo and Retana remain in-custody – each on a \$55,000 bond. Villalobos remains in-custody on a \$70,000 bond.

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**On October 7, 2015, around 5:30 AM**, a YCSO K9 deputy stopped a white 2001 Mitsubishi Montero for speeding on east I40 near Ash Fork. The driver was identified as 23-year-old Alejandro Nava from California. His 23-year-old girlfriend and their baby were riding in the car with him. The deputy noted Nava was unusually nervous and during the conversation, the deputy developed information indicating the likelihood drugs were being transported in the vehicle. Nava consented to search of the vehicle. Just before the search began, an assisting deputy detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle interior.



During an examination of the interior, a K9 deputy noticed that plastic trim on the rear passenger side was loose. When the trim was pulled away, a vacuum sealed bag of marijuana was found. Additional searching revealed packaged marijuana in the spare tire space and behind trim at the rear of the vehicle. A more detailed search was completed at the YCSO evidence facility resulting in the total seizure of more than 20 pounds of marijuana. Additional marijuana was located behind driver's door and back door panels.



Nava's girlfriend and baby were eventually released. Nava later admitted knowledge of the hidden marijuana, but denied being involved in drug sales. He was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Transportation of Marijuana for Sale, Possess Marijuana for Sale and Possession of Marijuana. He has since been released on a \$30,000 bond.



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